



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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This Week – Ongoing Work – 7/28/03 through 8/01/03

Highlights:

- Excavation has reached its base depth of 50 feet in the southwest corner of the project site and utility installation has begun at this location. Crews are expected to begin erecting the first of 132 steel columns in August. More than 500 truckloads of material continue to be removed from the site each day and the perimeter wall (2,080 linear feet) of the CVC is complete.

East Front Plaza Work

- Site excavation continues throughout the project site. Crews have reached a depth of 50 feet in some locations on the House side and utility installation has begun.
- Installation of tie-backs continues throughout the site. The tie-backs, which can measure up to 110 feet, are inserted through the perimeter walls and anchored into the surrounding terrain. Close to 80 percent of 494 tie-backs have been installed.



View of the CVC site looking south. Approximately 300,000 cubic yards of material have been removed from the CVC site and excavation crews have reached the base depth of 50 feet in the southwest quadrant of the site.

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East Front Extension (Inside the Capitol)

- Demolition of architectural and structural elements continues in the basement and sub-basement within the East Front Extension. The work will clear the way for the transition zone between the CVC and the Capitol, which will include escalators, stairwells and two 25-passenger elevators.

At right: A worker uses a remote control to guide a mini hoe-ram below the East Front Steps. The mini hoe-ram will be used to demolish areas within the East Front that are inaccessible to larger demolition equipment.



Senate Side (Outside the Main Construction Fence)

Truck Tunnel Construction:

- CVC tunnel construction work continues on the East Front Plaza adjacent to and within the Senate triangular parking area, along Constitution Avenue NW just east of the intersection of New Jersey Avenue NW, and along the east side of New Jersey Avenue NW between Constitution Avenue and C Street NW.

Next Week – Anticipated Work – 8/04/03 through 8/08/03

East Front Plaza Work

- Excavation and installation of tie-backs will continue on both the Senate and House sides of the CVC construction site. Utility installation will continue in the southwest quadrant of the site.



A construction crew works on a perimeter wall panel on the south side of the CVC site.

East Front (Inside the Capitol Building)

- Demolition of architectural and structural elements will continue in the basement and sub-basement within the East Front Extension.

Senate Side (Outside the CVC Construction Fence)

- CVC truck tunnel work will continue in a portion of the East Front Plaza on the Senate side, along Upper Northwest Drive, along New Jersey Avenue NW, and in Constitution Avenue NW, just east of New Jersey Avenue NW.

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